

Funding Action Team

Meeting Notes

May 21, 2004

Attendance

D. Alexander, D. Bertram, B. Blaesing, D. Byers, W. Carley, A. Cooper, C. Erickson, D. Holt, R. Lange, G. Naeyaert, J. Niemela, J. Rice, E. Strater, E. Timpf, C. Van Deusen, K. Wisselink, N. Wilson, T. Petko, S. Maynard.

Meeting Overview

(25 words or less)

Theresa reported on Moderator's meeting of May 11, 2004. All teams are generally going in the same direction. Action plans will be posted on the web. Determine strategy as to direction in the fall, i.e., report out on activities of all teams, a mini summit, e-mail information. Leadership would like each group to coalesce and improve direction within group to become a self-sufficient body. Members continued working on developing implementation plans.

Meeting Notes

The meeting with Representative DeRossett on June 18, 2004, at 9:30 am in the City of Coldwater will take place of our regular meeting (previously scheduled for June 25).

Senator Gilbert will be meeting with us on July 23, 2004 at 9:30 am, in the MDOT Aeronautics Auditorium.

US Senate has appointed Conference Committee

Ref: <http://www.fundingfairness.com>. (Note: House members appointed subsequent to the meeting.)

Action Items

Update to Action Item: Encourage and advocate for Michigan's Congressional delegation to support a growing six-year bill that provides a 95 percent rate of return for Michigan

Members agreed to distribute revised letters urging consideration of this item once members were appointed to the Conference Committee. Additionally, members who had senators or representatives on the Conference Committee will contact them directly. A revised letter will be made available for distribution. Further, members will contact the Chambers of Commerce in their areas to urge their support. Examples are: Cadillac, Lansing, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Southern Wayne County, Oakland County and the Upper Peninsula.

The revised letter of support will also be sent to other donor states.

Action Item: Education of the public and elected officials to understand the cost and complexities of constructing and maintaining the transportation system. And – Look for best practices for restructuring transportation funding and allocation

Debbie Alexander and Bill Carley developed an outline to frame education issues in order to develop an Action Plan for Education (see attached).

Members separated into groups to develop recommendations for an Action Plan. The results are attached.

There are several similarities and they will be consolidated into the Action Plan.

**Proposed
Agenda Topics
For Next
Meeting**

1. Senator Gilbert
2. Report from Summit Planning Committee Meeting
3. Complete Education Action Plan
4. Assign Subcommittees by Topic
5. Select Future Meeting Dates – Post August 2004
6. Draft agenda for next meeting.
7. Post critique of the meeting.

**Next Meeting
Dates**

1. Friday, June 18, 2004 9:30- 12:30 pm
City of Coldwater, Henry L. Brown Municipal Bldg.
1 Grand St., Coldwater
2. Friday, July 23, 2004 9:30- 12:30 pm
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
3. Friday, August 27 2004 9:30- 12:30 pm
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